

SILVERWINGS





“Back to the basics”

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Weather

 Today High: 67, Low: 38 40% Showers	 Saturday High: 66, Low: 34 Sunny
 Sunday High: 66, Low: 36 Sunny	 Monday High: 64, Low: 44 Partly Cloudy

News Briefs

09-10 Track Select

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 09-10 will hold a track select ceremony Nov. 12 at 5 p.m. at the Columbus Club.

Veteran's Day Commissary Hours

The Base Commissary will be open Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

ACT Testing

ACT testing will be conducted Nov. 19 in the Education Office at 7:30 a.m. for military personnel. Sign up by calling 434-2562.

New Finance Office Hours

Effective immediately, the Columbus AFB disbursing area's (located in the Finance office) operating hours will be Tuesdays and Fridays from noon to 4 p.m. Urgent requirements will be serviced as required by contacting 1st Lt. Shirrisha Peake at 434-2678 or Ellen Staples at 434-2708.

Inside



Feature 10

37th Flying Training Squadron's heritage room is highlighted in this week's feature.

Pilot for a Day



U.S. Air Force photo by Elizabeth Owens

First Lt. Will Flynt, 50th Flying Training Squadron, explains to Columbus AFB Pilot for a Day Noah Hutchinson the details of the T-38 nozzle Oct. 31. Lieutenant Flynt was the project officer who worked diligently for several months to make Noah's dream of visiting an Air Force base a reality. Noah, from St. Joseph, Mo., was born with the use of only the right side of his heart.

Career Day brings more than exposure to CAFB

2nd Lt. Ryan King
14th Operations Group
Commander's Action Group

Months of planning by the 14th Operations Group provided current and future students with exposure to eleven separate airframes, including a C-17 Globemaster, B1 Bone, F-22 Raptor, B-2 Spirit, and the new U-28.

In order to maximize the exposure, Career Day was only for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training students and

their dependents.

“This would be the first Career Day in which the F-22 and UAS were discussed as possible assignments for SUPT students,” said Maj. Ervin Powers, 14th Operations Group Commander's Action Group, “With the many directions an aviator's career can take, it is important to make sure he or she is well informed.”

Student and First Assignment Instructor Pilots were not
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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

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Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (09-10)	5.53 day	8.45 days	Nov. 12	48th (09-02)	4.34 days	1.45 days	Nov. 14	49th (09-BB)	-0.30 days	2.84 days	Nov. 17	T-6	452	394	3,417
41st (09-11)	5.03 days	1.56 days	Dec. 11	50th (09-02)	0.62 days	8.11 days	Nov. 14					T-1	150	153	1,233
												T-38	151	127	1,045
												IFF	39	44	357

Graduation speaker: The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Allan Poulin, Vice Commander, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins AFB, Ga.

CAFB welcomes Maj. Gen. Allan Poulin

Major Gen. Allan R. Poulin is Vice Commander, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins AFB, Ga. He is responsible for the daily operations of the command, which employs about 76,100 Citizen Airmen and consists of more than 370 aircraft among three numbered air forces, 36 wings, three flying groups, one space group and 620 mission support units. Air Force Reserve Command supports the Air Force mission to defend the United States through control and exploitation of air and space by supporting global engagement. AFRC plays an integral role in the day-to-day Air Force mission.

General Poulin entered the Air Force in 1970 after receiving his commission from the University of North Carolina's Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He



entered the Air Force Reserve unit program in 1980 after 10 years active duty in a variety of assignments. In the unit program, the general has seen duty as an instructor pilot, flight examiner, flight commander and operations officer. He has served as a squadron commander and as Vice Commander for the 482nd Fighter Wing. In January 1996, he transitioned to the individual mobilization assistant program with assignments to the commanders of 12th Air Force, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Combat Command. Prior to assuming his current position, General Poulin was the Commander, 10th Air Force.

General Poulin is a command pilot with more than 4,500 hours in the F-4 Phantom and the F-16 Fighting Falcon, including combat missions over Southeast Asia.

CAREER DAY

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only able to view many of these aircraft on static display at the SAC Ramp, but were also be given first-hand information on each Major Weapon System's current

role in global operations. Career Day presented an opportunity for students to get a closer look at other Air Force aircraft in the inventory and to gain a better understanding of Columbus AFB's role in the Global War on Terror.

Second Lt. Chay Derbigny, 14th Operational Support Squadron, said,

"The goal of career day is to make aircraft and aircrews flying today's Air Force missions available to SUPT students to aid them in making an informed career decision. It also allows FAIPs to talk to MWS aircrews so they can make a better decision in their follow-on track.

Enlisted promotions



U.S. Air Force photo by Melissa Duncan

The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates the October enlisted promotees. Pictured are: To Airman: Scott Romero, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron; Elena Stofle, 14th Flying Training Wing; To Airman 1st Class: Norris Depriest, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; Travis Frame, 14th FTW; To Senior Airman: Jennifer Callahan, 14th MDOS; Joshua Soper, 14th Medical Support Squadron; To Staff Sgt.: Darnell Gillie, 14th Operational Support Squadron; Michael Harris, 14th CES; To Senior Master Sgt.: Lisa Casteel, 14th Force Support Squadron.

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Native American Heritage Month



U.S. Air Force Photo by Melissa Duncan

Colonel Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, speaks to children at the Youth Center on Monday to inform them about Native Americans and the importance of diversity to kick off Native American Heritage Month.

"Back to basics" for the BLAZE Team

2nd Lt. Jeffrey Weger
14th Flying Training
Wing Commander's
Action Group

Colonel Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, held a commander's call with members of the Columbus BLAZE Team Tuesday at Kaye Auditorium to discuss key issues guiding today's Air Force and Columbus AFB.

Many new initiatives and policy changes stand to impact the Air Force a great deal and Colonel Watkins wanted to emphasize the role of every Airman in shaping our future.

Colonel Watkins reiterated the importance of the "back to basics" policy set forth by the Air Force Chief of Staff, General Norton Schwartz. Several high-profile Air Force mishaps in the past months, such as the B-52 which flew over the United States armed with nuclear weapons and the shipment of ballistic missile fuses to Taiwan have been a result of personnel failing to emphasize basic checklists and procedures

while performing their duties. Colonel Watkins discussed the meaning of the BLAZE acronym as how it relates to our everyday duties as a reminder of the importance of the basic tenets of military service.

The Air Force must work to regain the public trust and confidence of the American people. Colonel Watkins told the Airmen gathered, "Each and every one of you is a leader. Cultivate your leadership skills because you never know when you might be called upon to exercise them in combat."

A prime example was Major Stanton Shuttleworth, 50th Flying Training Squadron, who earned the Bronze Star for his service in Iraq and was decorated at the beginning of one of the briefings.

Colonel Watkins closed by saying, "I want to thank each and every one of you on our BLAZE team, for making the 14th FTW the premier unit in the Air Education and Training Command."

American Eagle Housing privatization projects sold to HP Communities LLC

WASHINGTON— The sale of privatized military housing projects at four Air Force bases (Hanscom, Little Rock, Moody and Patrick AFBs) and assumption of operations and management of the projects was announced Nov. 4 by the new owners, HP Communities LLC. The sale consolidates into a single deal the housing privatization projects at the four bases, and allows construction to restart at all locations.

The project also conveys 524 military family units at Patrick AFB for privatization. The new project will include a total of 2,619 end state units, 456 of which will be newly constructed and 1,846 of which will be renovated. The project owner will maintain 317 units "as is."

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Kathleen Ferguson, is pleased the projects have restarted.

She said, "Getting these projects back on track has been of utmost importance to the Air Force and will improve the quality of life for our Airmen at these four installations. Resolution of the four American Eagle projects has been a difficult task and has taken almost two years of work between all the parties involved."

HP Communities LLC (a limited liability com-

pany owned by Hunt Development Group, LP, Ltd. of El Paso, Texas, and Pinnacle AMS Development Company, LLC of Seattle, Wash.) will provide development, remodeling, operations, maintenance and property management services for those homes that are currently privatized at each of the bases.

With its 60-year history, Hunt has built more military family housing in the U.S. than any other company and has a significant percentage of the Air Force's privatization portfolio. Hunt also has a significant percentage of the Air Force's privatization portfolio, managing 14 projects at 18 Air Force installations with almost 16,000 units. Pinnacle manages more than 25,000 privatized homes at 20 different military installations nationwide, including nine Air Force projects at 16 bases with almost 12,000 units. Hunt and Pinnacle are teamed at 11 Air Force and Army projects.

The Air Force housing privatization program is an important tool for meeting the goal of eliminating inadequate Air Force housing and providing safe, quality and affordable homes to Airmen and their families.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 25 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



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18 to 34 motor
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Fall Festival



U.S. Air Force photo

Children enjoy the Fall Festival which took place at the Columbus AFB Youth Center Oct. 30. The response was a fantastic with more than 175 parents and children in attendance.

Complete your Air Force Climate Survey

General Norton Schwartz has asked that everyone who received the Air Force Climate Survey complete the survey with candid inputs. The survey runs through Nov. 26 and gives Air

Force senior leaders a snapshot of the climate in our Air Force today. It only takes approximately 20 minutes to complete so please get it done in a timely manner.

Energy Awareness Month is here

2nd Lt. Nathan Greiner

LAUGHLIN AFB, TEXAS —

The Air Force has an energy awareness vision to make "energy a consideration in all we do" as a part of the strategy to "create a culture" where all of the Air Force family of civilians and military work to save Air Force energy. As each of us goes about our daily business both on base and at home, here are some interesting "energy facts" to think about:

- Each winter, the energy equivalent of all of the oil in the Alaskan pipeline leaks through American windows.

- "Energy Star" makes a difference. New "Energy Star" tagged appliances typically use up to 50 percent less energy than their older counterparts.

- Every time an oven door is opened, 25 to 50 degrees of cooking temperature is lost. Check on food through the oven window when possible.

- Cooking five minutes in a microwave costs less than a penny's worth of electricity, eight hours in a crock pot costs about six cents, and an electric oven costs about 16

cents per hour.

- Americans discard 4 million tons of office paper each year, enough to build a 12-foot-high wall of paper from New York to California. Recycling saves one tree per 16.5 reams of paper.

- Americans discard 44 million newspapers every day; the equivalent of dumping 500,000 trees into a landfill every week.

- Each ton of recycled paper saves the energy equivalent of 380 gallons of oil.

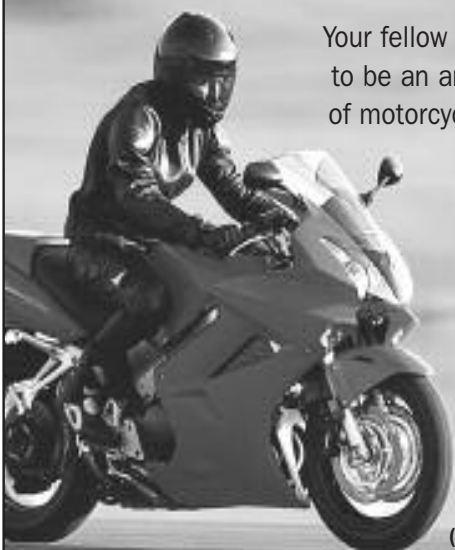
- Recycling one aluminum can saves the energy required to operate a television set for three hours.

- Americans throw away 25 billion Styrofoam cups each year, enough to circle the earth 436 times. Styrofoam is not recyclable; use durable coffee cups.

- Ceiling fans cost about \$2.40 a month to operate 10 hours a day and can reduce energy bills almost \$10 a month.

- A properly tuned car releases 22 pounds of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere for every gallon of gasoline it burns. At this rate, a car emits carbon dioxide in an amount equal to its own weight every 15,000 miles.

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Maintenance appreciation picnic



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Josh Harbin

Columbus AFB Dyncorp maintainers were treated to a picnic by the 14th Operations Group Oct. 31 in hanger 3. The event was held to show appreciation for all the hard work and dedication put forth everyday to keep the mission of training the world's best pilots a reality.

International Spouses Luncheon



U.S. Air Force photo
Twenty five spouses from 14 different countries enjoyed lunch at the Old Waverly on Tuesday for the annual International Spouses Luncheon. This year's luncheon was hosted by Leslie Watkins, wife of the 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and Linda Gates, Columbus AFB Wingman and the Air Education and Training Command's representative to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force's Civic Group. The event's goal is get all the Columbus AFB-assigned spouses of the international pilots and student pilots together for an afternoon of friendship.

How to become an Air Force paralegal

14th Flying Training Wing Staff Judge Advocate

Have you ever thought about a career in the legal field? Did you know that as an enlisted member you might be eligible to re-train into the paralegal career field? This article explains what a paralegal does, the eligibility requirements, and what it takes to re-train.

The Air Force paralegal career field has been in existence since May 1, 1955. Even before that date, paralegals played a very prominent role in The Judge Advocate General's Corps. The Corps' primary mission is to provide legal counsel to commanders, first sergeants, and other key personnel on a broad spectrum of legal and quasi-legal matters. The paralegal's role is to assist the attorneys in achieving that mission.

Consequently, paralegals support virtually all areas of the legal office, including military justice, claims, civil law, legal assistance, contracts and environmental law. Within these divisions, the paralegal conducts legal research, interviews witnesses and victims, and drafts opinions and documents. They also support investigations of serious incidents, such as aircraft, missile, or rocket accidents.

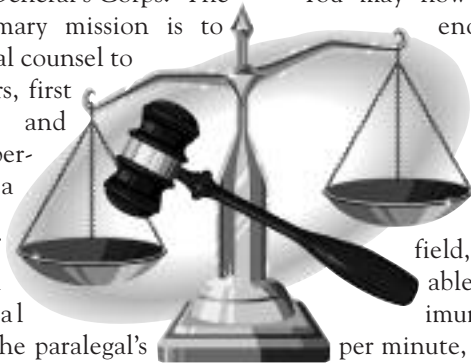
To ensure paralegals are qualified to support these many legal areas, the Corps provides the necessary training, both on-the-job and in the classroom. As with other career fields in the Air Force, a paralegal's training requirements consist of 3-, 5-, and 7-skill levels. The only difference is the content of the training. Paralegals attend basic and advanced paralegal courses at the Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell AFB, Ala. Paralegals receive upgrade training within the Corps, and may

also attend several specialized courses like operational law, environmental law, contract law, and the annual federal income tax course. A bonus for attending these courses is the ability to receive credit from the Community College of the Air Force. In addition, upon completion of the Paralegal Craftsman Course and CCAF in Paralegal Studies, you may receive an American Bar Association paralegal certification. Requirements for ABA certification will be explained to each paralegal.

You may now be interested enough to ask, "Am I eligible to re-train?" To be eligible to re-train into the paralegal career field, you must be able to type a minimum of 25 words per minute, you must have obtained your 5-skill level in your current AFSC, and have a minimum AQE general score of 51. Also, you must not have any derogatory information in your records. If you are eligible and wish to re-train, you must submit a re-training application. In addition, your base Law Office Superintendent and Staff Judge Advocate must personally interview you.

The paralegal career field is extremely interesting and very challenging. It is rewarding for individuals who are looking for a job which gives you independence in your work, personal growth, and most importantly, a sense of accomplishment at the end of each day. If this is what you seek, then the paralegal career field is right for you.

To submit re-training applications, contact the Career Development Office at 434-1161. For more information about the paralegal career field, contact the Law Office Superintendent, Master Sgt. Diana Johnson at 434-7030.



The Airman's Creed

<i>I am an American Airman.</i>	<i>Guardian of freedom and justice,</i>
<i>I am a warrior.</i>	<i>My nation's sword and shield,</i>
<i>I have answered my nation's call.</i>	<i>Its sentry and avenger.</i>
<i>I am an American Airman.</i>	<i>I defend my country with my life.</i>
 <i>My mission is to fly, fight, and win.</i>	 <i>I am an American Airman:</i>
<i>I am faithful to a proud heritage,</i>	<i>Wingman, leader, warrior.</i>
<i>A tradition of honor,</i>	<i>I will never leave an Airman</i>
<i>And a legacy of valor.</i>	<i>behind,</i>
 <i>I am an American Airman,</i>	 <i>I will never falter,</i>
	<i>And I will not fail.</i>

Tops in Blue performance touted 'best yet'

Jana Hall

14th Force Support Squadron

This year's Tops in Blue performance received rave reviews across the board. Nearly 1,300 military and local community members attended the show Monday at the Mississippi University for Women.

"It's always an impressive show, but Monday's performance was exceptional," said Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander.

"I visited with many people afterward who said it was the best they'd ever seen," said Col. Jeff Dunn, 14th FTW vice commander.

Monday's show, entitled "Déjà Blue," featured comical antics, hot Latin sounds, all-American country music, chart-topping hits and great music from favorite movies and Broadway shows professionally performed with dazzling lights, multiple wardrobe changes and precision choreography, for which the show is known worldwide.

The team arrived in Columbus just hours prior to show time Monday after a demanding performance the night before at Maxwell AFB, Ala. The 25-member team of performers and a handful of lighting and sound technicians are entirely responsible for unloading and building their own set before the high-energy show.

Following each show, the team is also responsible to break down the set and load out all of the gear in preparation for the next gig.

"I was personally amazed at the fact that all the performers could sing and dance and were so technically competent in setting up and breaking down the complex set so quickly," said 2nd Lt. Jonathan Murphy, 14th Force Support Squadron, and local project manager for the show, "You could tell everyone who attended the show truly enjoyed it – not just by what they said, but by the amazed looks



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Josh Harbin

Staff Sgt. Corey Sims, a Computer Systems Analyst from Luke AFB, Ariz., and Tops in Blue 2008 vocalist, leads the closing act of "Déjà Blue" Nov. 3 at the Mississippi University for Women.

on their faces."

Even the Tops in Blue team was exceptionally proud of Monday's performance.

"It's the best show we've had this season based on the team's performance and the amazing Columbus crowd," said Tour Director Edward Jones, "Columbus folks are always great when they come out."

Jones, a self-proclaimed "Mississippi boy" who has been with Tops in Blue since 1990, said the team has performed 75

shows so far this season and has about 50 left before the tour ends in March 2009.

From Columbus, the team headed to Barksdale AFB, La., and then on to San Antonio for a Saturday performance. The team will spend the Thanksgiving holiday in Massachusetts performing and will be in Japan performing during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Tops in Blue has been entertaining Airmen and their families and friends for 55 years.

"It is a true pleasure to be able to bring an event of this caliber to our military and the local community each year," Col. Watkins said, "We couldn't do it without the support of our local corporate partners."

Local sponsors of this year's Tops in Blue were Cable One, the Mississippi University for Women, The Commercial Dispatch and The Little Dooley. No federal endorsement is intended.

Nature Trail

Many people are unaware of the opportunity to walk, run, bike or horseback ride along Columbus AFB's Timberlane Nature Trail. Along the trail, various wetlands, trees and countless wildlife can be found. To reach the recreational area, follow Independence Ave. to the runway area. Signs found alongside the dirt road toward SAC Lake offer direction to the beginning of the trails. For more information, call 434-7958

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Maintainers partner to exchange new practices

Staff Sgt. Bennie J. Davis III

Defense Media Activity-San Antonio

Buenos Aires, Argentina — Nearly 30 Argentinean air force aircraft maintenance mechanics, students and instructors came together at Palomar Air Base here Oct. 31 to exchange new ideas and techniques on preserving and evaluating aircraft as part of Twelfth Air Force (Air Forces Southern)'s Operation Southern Partner.

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. David Hinojosa an aircraft structural maintenance instructor for the Inter-American Air Force Academy at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, carried his classroom curriculum to Argentina for a four-day course in maintenance techniques and corrosion preventative measures helping to create a stronger partnership with his Argentinean peers and fellow students during the operation.

Operation Southern Partner is an AFSOUTH-led event aimed at providing intensive, periodic subject matter exchanges with partner nations in the U.S. Southern Command area of focus. The all-new program features more than 70 U.S. Air Force subject matter experts from about 25 career fields working alongside partner nation military members in similar career specialties during weeklong exchanges.

"Our integration is very important; it's good to have exchanges with our militaries to save money and time," said Senior Master Sgt. Jose Minichiello, training superintendent for the 1st Air Brigade,

Technical Group D. "It also broadens everyone's way of learning, because we are two different cultures studying together."

The event lead by Sergeant Hinojosa will provide supplemental information on aircraft structural repair and parts fabrication for damages created by battle, age and metal corrosion. Both countries will be sharing new practices on how to better maintain their aircraft. The information shared here this week not only helps at Palomar AB, but also will be exchanged with all Argentinean bases, Sergeant Minichiello said.

"We always receive precise information when learning from the United States and it also helps to better understand each other's Air Force culture," Sergeant Minichiello said. "Our integrations and support help to maintain democracy throughout the world."

Most of the information shared will revolve around the C-130 Hercules, Argentina's main military transport aircraft. Which is used in times of peace and war, also providing support for fires, humanitarian relief and in maintaining transport for an airfield in Antarctica.

For Argentinean air force Staff Sgt. Mariano Arnaudo, a C-130 Mechanic, the partnership event has a two-fold meaning. As a former student of Sergeant Hinojosa's, Sergeant Arnaudo has the opportunity to show his friend around Buenos Aires, as well as get hands-on time with his former instructor on a C-130 aircraft.



Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Bennie J. Davis III

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. David Hinojosa points out properly conducted structural repairs over the door frame on a C-130 Hercules during an evaluation of C-130 aircraft repairs at Palomar Air Base, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Sergeant Hinojosa is participating in Operation Southern Partner — an in-depth, two-week subject matter exchange emphasizing partnership, cooperation and sharing of information with partner nation Air Forces in Latin America.

"It's great to see my instructor, alumni and friend," Sergeant Arnaudo said. "We created a genuine friendship at Lackland and it's great to see each other again."

Sergeant Arnaudo considers his time with the U.S. Air Force as an IAAFA student one of the greatest experiences of his life, and looks forward to building more relationships with Operation Southern Partner in the years to come.

"We are grateful for the information and technical documents provided and the ability to come together and share. I know this partnership will generate great results,"

Sergeant Arnaudo said.

During Operation Southern Partner, Sergeant Hinojosa has the opportunity to see the information and techniques he's taught in the classroom being utilized and seeing the results. He said he hopes during this exchange event he will bring new information to his Argentinean friends making it easier to help them care for their aircraft.

"I'd like to see this operation grow," Sergeant Hinojosa said. "It is great to create these bonds together and knowing continents away you each now have a friend."

Team seeks Airmen ready for 'something different'

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

Air force Recruiting Service Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Education and Training Command officials here encourage Airmen seeking to do "something different" during their Air Force career to apply for special duty assignments.

To spread the word, members of the Air Force Recruiting Service Recruiter Screening Team visit Air Force bases across the nation year-round, sharing information about opportunities to serve as recruiters, technical school and basic military training instructors. This year there are openings for about 500 recruiters, 205 technical school instructors in various career fields and about 200 MTIs.

Comprised of former successful recruiters who worked their way up to flight chiefs or production superintendents, Recruiter Screening Team members especially welcome questions about recruiting duty qualifications, the application process and their own experiences.

"We like folks who are hard working, self-motivated, enthusiastic, resilient and tenacious," said Master Sgt. Craig Ploessl, team noncommissioned officer in charge. "These

traits are typical among recruiters and what we specifically look for in potential recruiters."

Team members look forward to heading out to the bases each season to shake hands with the next generation of Airmen who are looking for something different, Sergeant Ploessl said. Other reasons Airmen volunteer to become recruiters are "to give back to the Air Force," they were looking for "something different and rewarding" and the ability to choose the location in which they would recruit.

"As long as there is an opening and they are the most qualified based on permanent change of station rules, they will get selected for the location," Sergeant Ploessl said. "Regardless, they are only considered for locations they apply to be assigned."

Tech. Sgt. Lexi Miller served as a medical laboratory technician and Office of Special Investigations special agent before she became a 311th Recruiting Squadron recruiter in May 2007. Today she works successfully in her hometown of York, Pa. She defines the special duty as "a way to help people have a great career and way of life."

"I love this job, I finally found what I was meant to do," said the 17-year veteran.

Although she enjoys her work, she advises that successful recruiting requires long hours and dedication to find ideal recruits — high school graduates who are set on joining the Air Force, have no physical, legal or moral issues, and are open to a variety of Air Force jobs.

The first step to applying for recruiting duty is to read the fact sheet, "Becoming a Recruiter," at . The document shares insights into the recruiting world, how to gain release from one's career field, financial aspects, recruiter expectations, goals, eligibility, selection, recruiting school requirements, frequently asked questions, how to apply and more. The Recruiting Screening Team base visit schedule is also listed on the fact sheet.

Airmen who procrastinate applying for recruiting duty until they are too near their separation dates or dates eligible to return from overseas will not be selected, Sergeant Ploessl said. The application process can take a few months to complete and requires good timing to meet retainability requirements.

For additional information about the team, contact the screening team office at (210) 565-0584, DSN 665-0584 or e-mail rst@rs.af.mil.

Happy Birthday
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Capt Tony Wickman
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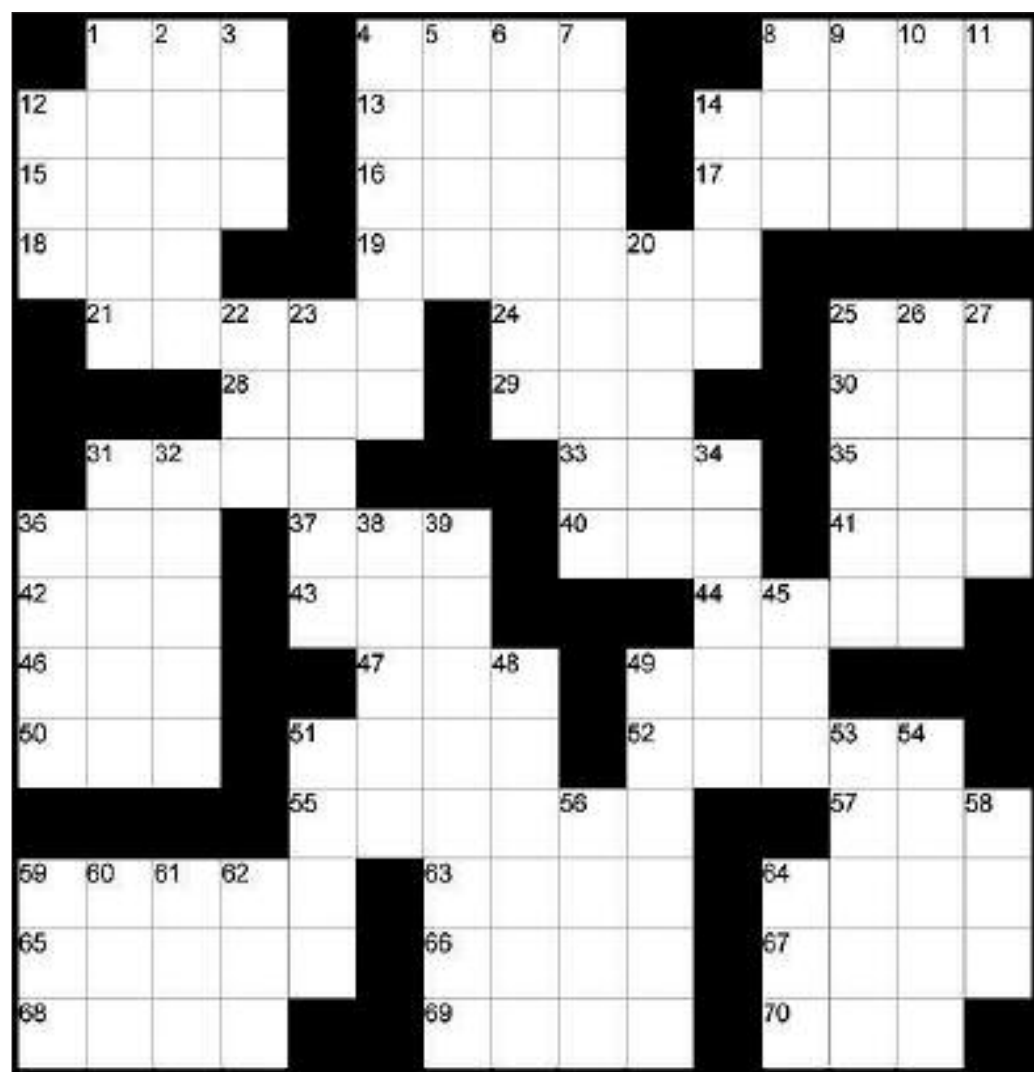
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14. General Michael W. ____; 33rd Commandant of the Marine Corps
15. Fad
16. Cheese type
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18. Everything
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21. Minimal
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28. ____ Jima; WWII battle site represented by USMC memorial
29. Annoy
30. Gen. ____ Eaker; USAAC/USAF icon
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33. Marine slogan: The ____ The Marines
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37. Part of USAF Total Force
40. Fury










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44. Caused fear
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50. Superman's arch-nemesis Luther
51. Scandinavian capital
52. Bird homes
55. Medicine used when someone is poisoned
57. Charged particle
59. ____ Dog; nickname given to Marines
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64. Sad
65. Nickname for E-3 Sentry
66. Music part
67. Took a break
68. Sgt Maj Daniel J. ____; 1 of 2 Marines to receive MoH twice
69. Close
70. Oklahoma town

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2. Part of the USMC emblem
3. Iron or Bronze
4. Quickly
5. Opera
6. Shrimp dish
7. USMC motto
8. Prohibit
9. ____ on; encourage
10. Confederate general
11. "The Splendid Splinter" ____ Williams; USMC pilot

12. USAF E-4
14. Pvt Martin ____; USMC MoH recipient during Boxer Rebellion
20. Person who queries another
22. Is sickly
23. Blood, ____ and Tears
25. Walkway
26. With 33 ACROSS
27. Astronaut's beverage?
31. Moisten while cooking
32. Seize
34. Braid
36. Twofold
38. Clutch
39. Every Marine is one
45. Director Craven
48. Spot
49. Part of USMC emblem
51. Lubricants
53. Covered or furnished with piece of baked clay
54. John Philip ____; USMC iconic bandsman
56. Hollywood dog
58. Tool to capture butterflies
59. Father
60. ____ Mataya Laurance; Billiards champion and broadcaster
61. Top Gun actor Kilmer
62. Slick
64. Bikini part



		C-130	C-21					
							C-130	
	C-17	CV-22		C-130				HH-60
	C-130		C-5	C-21				
								CV-22
C-17				KC-10			HH-60	
						KC-10	CV-22	
	CV-22							
		KC-10	HH-60		C-17	C-21		

AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT

To solve, place an airlift aircraft into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9-box square within the larger diagram will contain each of the following airlift aircraft: C-5, C-17, C-21, C-130, CV-22, HH-60, KC-10, KC-135 and MH-53. In other words, no aircraft may appear more than once in any row, column, or smaller 9-box square. Working with the planes already given as a guide, complete each diagram with the missing ranks that will lead to the correct solution.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
10	11 Veteran's Day Holiday "Proud to be an American" Day 9:30 a.m. @ EMCC	12 MSG Complex Ribbon-Cutting 9:30 a.m. Happy Fund Golf Tournament 12:30 p.m. @ Golf Course 09-10 Track Select 5 p.m. @ Club	13 Business after Hours 5 p.m. @ MSG Complex	14 09-02 SUPT Graduation 10 a.m. @ Kaye Auditorium	15/16
17 90-BB IFF Graduation 4:49 p.m. @ 49th FTS Pinnacle-Hunt Thanksgiving Dinner 7 p.m. @ Club	18 Newcomers Meeting 8 a.m. @ Phillips Auditorium Pinnacle-Hunt Thanksgiving Dinner 7 p.m. @ Club	19 OSC Social 6:30 p.m. @ Club	20 Dormsgiving 5 p.m. @ Chapel Annex	21 Save a Life Briefing 8 a.m. 09-03 Assignment Night 5 p.m. @ Club	22/23

Long Term Events

- Nov. 25 - Enlisted Promotions
Nov. 25 - MSU Military Ball
Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday

- Nov. 28 - AETC Family Day
Dec. 1 - Wing Christmas Tree Lighting
Dec. 5 - Columbus Christmas Tree Lighting
Dec. 6 - Columbus Christmas Parade

Lorenz on Leadership: The continuum of training

Gen. Stephen Lorenz
Commander, Air Education
and Training Command

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — I believe we should work our boss' boss' problems. I have found that if we see the bigger picture — if we understand the larger context of our challenges — we will make better decisions. Since assuming command of Air Education and Training Command, I have been trying to understand where our challenges fit in the bigger picture.

My boss, of course, is our Chief of Staff, General Norton A. Schwartz, and his boss is Secretary Michael B. Donley. Together, they are responsible for organizing, training, and equipping the Air Force. They need AETC to provide Airmen of character and skill who can contribute on their first day in the larger Air Force. That is why we say that AETC develops Airmen today...for tomorrow.

In the First Command, we recruit Airmen, give them their initial training, and send them to advanced schools. I call this process the continuum of training for our Airmen. While an Airman may go through several different training programs before attaining "mission ready"



status, each of these programs should work together in a continuum — a coherent and consistent progression of training that leads to the ultimate goal of forging Airmen of character and skill.

Each of us has a role to play in this process. It is natural that we focus our efforts on making our individual portion of the continuum as good as it can be, but we cannot fall into the trap of viewing our individual roles in isolation. This is a team effort. If we understand where we fit into the continuum, we can make better decisions and produce better Airmen.

Much like a relay race, we run as hard as we can when it is our turn, then we hand off our Airmen to the next set of instructors much like a runner hands off the baton to the next teammate. While our portion is over, our race is not complete until the last runner carries the baton across the finish line. In AETC, our race is not finished until we deliver the Airman to the gaining command, and it takes each of us doing our part to make this happen.

In some ways, AETC is a factory that produces more than 200 different types of trained Airmen. We take raw material — the recruit — and change him or her into an Airman capable of defending the nation. The "assembly line" begins with

the recruiter who finds and delivers the raw material to the factory.

Along the line, instructors mold and shape each Airman, then they send them down the line to the next instructor. It is vital that the recruiter finds quality recruits, and each instructor must do their best to ensure an Airman with the right character and skill is sent to the next program. If they don't, future instructors will have to correct the mistake, or worse, take the Airman off the assembly line. Of course, our Airmen are much more important than objects on an assembly line, but this metaphor shows us how problems develop when we fail to ensure the quality of our people during the short time we have them.

While the quality of each individual Airman is important, producing the necessary quantity of Airmen is critical as well. We must deliver the right number of Airmen at the right time. If we don't, the consequence is that some career fields become dangerously undermanned, and the mission suffers. This is why we strive to create a "smooth flow" of Airmen through the training programs. Much like a pipeline, it is important to keep Airmen flowing through the training programs at the proper rate. Gaps and backups in the pipeline mean two things, and both are bad. First, our individual Airmen have to endure unnecessary breaks in training, and their skills inevitably atrophy.

Second, the pipeline cannot deliver the right flow of Airmen to the Air Force. This is why it is so important that our commanders and instructors manage the flow of Airmen through their individual training programs while ensuring each Airman meets the standards.

In AETC, we solve problems for the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force. They are responsible for building a healthy Air Force, and they need a steady flow of trained Airmen. Our job is to recognize the big picture—that we conduct a continuum of training for each Airman—and make decisions accordingly. We are a team, and our job is not finished until we deliver Airmen of character and skill to their new commanders.

We produce Airmen of the highest quality, which is why our recruiters work so hard to find the right people and our instructors pour their hearts and souls into their students. At the same time, we produce the right quantity of Airmen to keep the Air Force healthy.

I ask you to consider where you stand in the continuum of training. When you have a tough decision to make, use this larger perspective to make it. Work your boss' boss' problems, and you will have few problems of your own. More importantly, our Air Force, and our Nation, will be stronger when you do.

Understanding Native American Heritage Month

Chaplain Rick Montoya
14th Flying Training Wing

When I was growing up, my friends and I would play Cowboys and Indians. We would dress the part as best we could. One of the things I remember, we thought the good guys were the Cowboys and the bad guys were the Indians. Luckily, that childhood ignorance did not follow me into adulthood. Yet, in my early adult years, I had a narrow understanding of Native Americans and their culture.

My early understanding of Native Americans came from several places. Most of my information came from western movies. Depending upon the film, usually the information was skewed towards the cowboys' point of view. I had been told the Thanksgiving story where pilgrims and Native Americans had a thanksgiving meal together.



Fortunately, since 1976 presidents of the United States have signed proclamations declaring November as National American Indian Heritage Month. This is a great opportunity for all Americans to rejoice in the accomplishments of one of the many people groups that make up our great nation.

One of the greatest accomplishments of Native Americans came during World War II. The code talkers or windtalkers used code based on the Navajo language. They were able to communicate critical communications with remarkable speed and accuracy. It was the "only battlefield code never broken by the enemy."

In 2000, the United States Mint introduced a new dollar coin with an unfamiliar image, a woman with a baby on her back. The woman, Sacagawea, was a Native American who helped Lewis and Clark in their expedition from 1805 to 1806. It was not a simple task. President Jefferson want-

ed Lewis and Clark to map a route from beyond the Mississippi River to the Pacific. The expedition was a success which would allow for further expansion and commerce of America.

Of those Native Americans who have served our Armed Forces, eighteen have received the Medal of Honor. Army Pvt. Eli Hosetosavit, a Comanche, was killed in action in WWII. Army Pfc. Lori Piestewa, the first American Indian woman killed in combat action on foreign soil, was killed in action serving in Iraqi Freedom. Native Americans are still serving our country with honor and distinction.

We can still allow childhood ignorance to be a part of our modern thinking. Yet, to understand the true American story, is to understand the melting pot of rich history of the people who make of America. To brush it aside is to cast away our rich and vast heritage. Our unity as a country is based on the diversity of many.

37th Flying Training Squadron: The Bengal Tigers

Unit Mission

The 37th Flying Training Squadron mission's is: forging military pilots, honing warrior leaders. The 37th FTS instructs the future Air Force military aviators in Phase 2 of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, or SUPT, in the T-6 "Texan II". The 37th FTS also instructs several international military pilots through the Foreign Military Sales program and the Aviation Leadership Program whose graduates will receive their countries' coveted silver wings. The 37th FTS flies over 25,000 sorties and more than 35,000 flying hours annually with a budget of more than \$5 million. The squadron also qualifies and sustains 70 mission-ready T-6 instructor pilots.

Pictured is the Tiger Throne, which is used for ceremonial purposes during 37th Flying Training Squadron Bengal Tiger meetings. Also pictured is a T-37 ejection seat involved in a mid-air collision of two T-37s during the early 1990s. The canopy was damaged during a ground strike at Golden Triangle Regional airport.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Josh Harbin



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With the retirement of the T-37 Tweet, this table was created by Capt. David Curry, 14th Operations Support Squadron, as a Tweet heritage piece using an obsolete T-37 vertical stabilizer and T-37 wing. The vertical stabilizer still carries the 37th FTS Bengal Tiger tail stripe and squadron markings.

Key Leaders

The 37th Flying Training Squadron's Commander is Lt. Col. David Johnson. Colonel Johnson is a 1988 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. Following college, Colonel Johnson entered pilot training and served as a T-37 first assignment instructor pilot at Williams AFB, Ariz., and Vance AFB, Okla. Following an Aide-de-Camp assignment for the 13th Air Force Commander in Guam, Colonel Johnson attended B-1 initial qualification training. He then served at Ellsworth AFB, S.D., during which time he attended the USAF Weapons School. He subsequently deployed in



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Josh Harbin

The men and women of the 37th Flying Training Squadron closed out the end of an era with the retirement of the T-37 Tweet from Columbus AFB in March 2008, while simultaneously starting a new era of training in the T-6 Texan II.

support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and delivered 208,000 pounds of ordnance on America's post Sept. 11 enemies. Colonel Johnson then attended Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Ala., where he received a Master's Degree in Military Operation Art and Science. Following ACSC, he served as the Chief of Combat Force Optimization at the Air Force Studies and Analyses Agency in Washington, DC. Colonel Johnson then returned to the T-37 as Director of Operations for the 37th FTS. After transitioning to the T-6 Texan II, he took command of the 37th FTS in June 2007. Colonel Johnson is a distinguished graduate of T-37 Pilot Instructor Training, B-1 Initial Qualification Training, and was awarded the Outstanding Flying Award from the USAF Weapons School.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Josh Harbin

This heritage display was recently put together and includes a brief history of the 37th Flying Training Squadron with multiple photos of the aircraft previously flown by the Bengal Tigers. The 37th has flown a total of nine aircraft in its history to include the P-43, P-38, P-47, P-84, F-51, F-86, F-102, T-37 and T-6.

The Director of Operations of the 37th Flying Training Squadron is Lt. Col. Lars

Hubert. Colonel Hubert is a 1991 Graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Mechanics. Upon graduation, Colonel Hubert entered Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training at Sheppard AFB, Texas. He served the next five years flying the C-130H, supporting every major Operation to include Haiti, Bosnia and Southwest Asia. In 1997, Colonel Hubert was one of 100 MAF pilots chosen to cross-flow into fighter aircraft. Following training at Luke AFB, Ariz., he served as Chief of Plans, Flight Commander and ADO at Misawa AB, Japan, while flying F-16s and seeing action in Iraq. In 2001, Colonel Hubert returned to Air Education and Training Command as an Instructor Pilot assigned to the 56 OG Det 1 at Tucson ANGB, Ariz., as an active duty advisor to the ANG, instructing initial and advanced qualifications for international, ANG and Reserve F-16 students. Colonel Hubert was selected for the IDE program at the Air Force Institute of Technology where he earned a Master's Degree in Systems Engineering. Upon completion of IDE, he served as the Director of Plans for 7th Air Force while on a two year remote assignment to Osan AB, Korea. Colonel Hubert and his family joined the Bengal Tigers in November. He is a distinguished graduate of T-6 Pilot Instructor Training and C-130 Initial Qualification Training with more than 1,500 hours in both the C-130 and F-16.

Personnel Numbers

- 61 Instructor pilots from lieutenants to lieutenant colonels.
- Six enlisted personnel performing flight records duties.
- One contracted civilian (secretary)
- 90 SUPT students from lieutenants to captains.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Josh Harbin

The walls of the 37th heritage room contain numerous historical photos of the 37th in action at various deployed locations through out history. There are also numerous mementos which have been presented to the 37th.

Squadron Functions

The 37th Flying Training Squadron conducts primary flight training in the T-6A "Texan II". Students receive about 86 flying hours of training in basic aircraft control, aerobatics, night, instruments, navigation and formation flying in a five month period. Upon completion of their T-6 training, students go on to advanced training in either the T-38, T-1, T-44, or UH-1. The 37th Flying Training Squadron Bengal Tigers train approximately 190 students each year with 60 to 70 instructors.

Unit Name

"The Bengal Tigers"

Unique Aspects of the Unit

The unit began as a fighter squadron in World War II. A highly decorated squadron, its pilots flew P-43s and P-38s in North Africa and Europe. Following the war, the squadron was re-designated the 37th Fighter Interceptor

Squadron. Its mission was air defense in Maine and Vermont, flying P-47s, P-84s, F-51s, F-86s and F-102s until its deactivation in 1960. On July 17, 1969, Air Training Command took over what was then known as the Columbus Army Flying School. The 3650th Flying Training Squadron was born; class 71-01 began their quest for the highly sought after "silver wings." On March 22, 1972, the 3650th was re-designated the 37th Flying Training Squadron, continuing the Bengal Tiger heritage. Simply stated, the mission now is "Forging Military Pilots, Honing Warrior Leaders." The squadron's credo: "The World's Best Instructor Pilots Producing the World's Best Future Aviators through Superior Training for the United States and Allied Air Forces." This mission is accomplished with a sense of pride and professionalism unparalleled in this arena. The 37th Flying Training Squadron has a proud heritage, a legacy that will remain intact for years to come, because, instilled in every member is a deep sense of commitment and responsibility for those we proudly serve!

This mosaic was created by a spouse of the 37th Flying Training Squadron and is the original patch which represented the 37th from 1941 to 1960. The baseball bat is a memento given to the 37th in gratitude for a two-ship T-6 flyby during the Thunder Over Louisville Air Show in April 2008 attended by over 500,000 spectators.



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The United States Air Force Spouse Pin Program



Recognizing the Spouses of America's Air Force

Chill in the air offers variety of indoor, outdoor fun

Football Sundays

The Columbus Club opens their doors for the pro football games Sundays starting at noon. Wings are 50 cents and beverage specials are available. The bar menu will also be available. Watch the big games on the big screens available. For more info, call 434-2490.

Christmas Party Reservations

The Columbus Club has openings for Christmas parties Dec. 4 and Dec. 14 to Dec. 18. Call 434-2490 for reservations. The Services Complex is available Dec. 5 to 6, Dec. 12, and Dec. 19 to 20. Call the Youth Center at 434-2504 for reservations.

Casino Trip

The Information, Ticket and Tour Office offers this trip the first Friday of every month. The next trip is Nov. 7. Cost is \$20 per person and includes transportation and \$25 in bonus bets. The bus leaves at 6 p.m. from the BX parking lot and leaves Philadelphia at 1 a.m. If you or your group plans to go, call 434-2505 with the number in your party.

Texas Hold'em Tournament

The Columbus Club is offering a Texas Hold'em tournament Nov. 8. Register by Thursday by calling 434-2490 or by e-mail to: nicole.droney@columbus.af.mil. Open to members, nonmembers and their bona fide guests. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and the games begin at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 for club members and \$10 for nonmembers and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres. Late sign-ups will be placed on a waiting list.

Kids' Crafts to Go

The Arts and Crafts Center offers a kid's craft pack ready for your child's crafting fun at home. You provide home materials such as glue, markers and scissors and we provide everything else. November and December craft packages are \$3 each and include tree of thanks, reindeer bucket, Santa stop here door hanger, stocking door hanger, Mom's Christmas gift and Dad's Christmas gift. For more information, call 434-7836.

Champagne Sunday Brunch

The Columbus Club is offering a Sunday Brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 16. Cost is \$14.95 for club members and \$17.95 for nonmembers. Children, ages 6-12, are \$7.50 for club members and \$9 for nonmembers. Children 5 and under eat free. The



U.S. Air Force photo by Pam Wickham

Colonel Jeff Dunn, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander, judges the base library's pumpkin carving contest squadron entries. The 14h Force Support Squadron's "Octopus Pumpkin Attack" won the squadron competition. In the family competition, Carmine Muscarella won with his rendition of a skull.

menu includes oven roasted turkey, London boil au jus, maple glazed carrots, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, deluxe salad bar, omelet bar, waffle station, pasta station, ham carving station with potato salad, deviled eggs, rolls, all your favorite breakfast items, fruit tray, cheese platter, assorted cakes, pies and cheesecake. Reservations must be made by Nov. 13. For more information, call 434-2490.

Home Decor Workshop

Today is the last day to register for the workshop to make an upholstered parson's chair at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Arts and Crafts Center. Cost is \$30 plus 54" decorator fabric. For more information, call 434-7836.

Holiday Hours

The following recreational activities will be open Tuesday:

Golf course from 8 a.m. to dusk

Bowling Center from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Fitness Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All other recreational activities will be closed for the Veterans Day holiday.

Saints Football Trip

The Information, Ticket and Tour office offers a trip Dec. 6 to 7 to New Orleans, La. to watch the New Orleans Saints play the Atlanta Falcons. Cost is \$165 per person and includes transportation, lodging (double occupancy), ticket to the game and breakfast. Reservations required by Nov. 21. Must have 20 registered to offer trip. For more information, call 434-7861.

Skiing Trip

Only 14 people may register for this trip

to Ober Gatlinburg, Jan. 17 to 19. Cost is \$235 per person and includes transportation, two meals, chalet lodging for two nights, lift tickets, lessons and rentals. Deadline to register is Dec. 17. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required when registering and full payment required by Jan. 10. Call the Information, Ticket and Travel office at 434-7861 for more information.

Christmas Yard Decorations

Be the envy of your neighborhood with your own Santa, reindeer and sleigh for your lawn. Place your order by Nov. 15 and have your ready-to-paint set by Nov. 30. Cost is \$25 for Santa, \$50 for the sleigh and \$35 for a set of two reindeer or \$100 for the whole set. All items are made from 1/2-inch plywood. For more information, call the arts and crafts center at 434-7836.

Family, Teen Talent Contest

The Youth Center is hosting this program Dec. 4 at Kaye Auditorium. Showtime is 6:30 p.m. Deadline for registering is Nov. 20 at the youth center. The Youth Center invites moms, dads, brothers and sisters to sing, dance and perform together in this family-oriented event. Contestants can enter in one of several categories: parent and child team, husband and wife team, children, ages 3 to 5, ages 6 to 8, preteen solos and groups, ages 9 to 12; teen solos and group, ages 13 to 15 and ages 16 to 18 and family. For more information, call 434-2504.

Breakfast with Santa

The Youth Center and Child Development Center offers this program from 8 to 10 a.m. Dec. 13 at the Youth

Center. Register by Dec. 8. Cost is \$3 per person and includes breakfast, children's pictures with Santa, games, prizes and more fun. In addition, parents may fill out a clothing request form for free children's clothing, while supplies last. Sizes available are from infant to size 14. Pick up a Clothing Request form from the Youth Center or Child Development Center and turn in by Dec. 8 at those activities. For more information, call 434-2504 or 434-2479.

Holiday Camps

The Youth Center offers a holiday camp for school age children from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 24 to Nov. 26 and Dec. 22 to Dec. 31. Cost is based on total family income. Limited space is available so register early. For more information, call 434-2504.

Audition for Tops in Blue

Active duty military may submit an application and video showcasing their talent to the Air Force Worldwide Talent Contest scheduled for Jan. 11 to 19 at Lackland AFB, Texas. Deadline for submitting applications is Dec. 2. In addition to the normal performing talent acts like vocalists and instrumentalists, technicians of all types and drivers are also encouraged to apply. For more information, log on to www.topsinblue.com or call (210) 652-6566 or DSN 487-6566.

Blaze Lunch Bunch

at the Columbus Club

Every Wednesday During Lunch

All plates come with one meat, two sides, roll or cornbread, tea or water
\$6.25 for club members
\$7.25 for nonmembers

This week's menu:

Meat choices:

Fried Chicken, Roasted Pork Loin
& Baked Spaghetti

Sides:

Macaroni & Cheese, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Turnip Greens, Corn on the Cob, Side Salad with Ranch Dressing

Lunch Bunch Special - \$6.95

Tender Grilled Chicken Breast on a Bun Topped with Lettuce, Tomato & Onion served with a side of Fries

Desserts:

\$2.95 each

Apple Pie Ala Mode

Tiramisu Cake

Jumbo Peanut Butter Cookies



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Base News

Military Spouse Tuition Discount

Columbus AFB military spouses who enroll in Saint Leo University for the 2008-2009 academic year will receive a third course free when signing up for two courses! Contact Dew White at 434-8844 or visit her in the Personnel Bldg., Room 120 for more information.

Homeschoolers

The School Liaison Office would like to "team" with the Columbus AFB homeschooling community. If you would like to be included in the dialogue and assist with making the homeschooling experience the absolute best it can be, please contact the School Liaison Office at 434-2792 or via email at slo@columbus.af.mil.

Saint Leo University CAFB Adjunct Faculty Openings

Saint Leo University is seeking adjunct faculty in Business, Criminal Justice, and Psychology to teach undergraduate classes on Columbus AFB. Complete information is available at www.saintleo.edu/jobs. Please call Dew White, Center Director at 434-8844 for more information.

Supply Customer

If you are looking for that special piece of equipment or furniture for your office, your point of contact is the Inspection Section of Base Supply. Inspection maintains the Last Look Area, which has used equipment and furniture turned in from other organizations that no longer have a need for the items. All items in the Last Look Area are available without charge to your organization. For more information, you can contact the Inspection Section at 434-7233 or 434-7234.

Attention All Deployers

The 14th Communications Squadron has a new system which allows you to place "free" telephone calls back home from your deployed location via DSN. You can call every day or once a week; whichever you prefer (allotted time is 3.5 hours a week). Pin numbers are required and can be picked up along with instructions from the Telephone Systems office located in Building 900, Room 9. Please call 434-2020 for additional information.

DRMO

Authorized personnel may retrieve property that is marked for DRMO Facilities only if they are still physically located in Base Supply. For more information, call 434-7233

to review the property or call Stock Control Section at 434-7179 or 434-7198. To check for authorization and Demand Processing Section, call 434-7178 to order the property. All other DRMO processing is done via the Web at www.drms.dla.mil.

Zero Overpricing Program-Incentive Awards

Overpricing is an issue everyone should be working. All personnel are encouraged to participate, and will be rewarded for any tangible savings resulting from their price challenge. Monetary awards will be given in accordance with AFI 38-401, The Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness Program. Advice and guidance are available by calling the Customer Service element of Base Supply, located in Building 158, at 434-7178.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790 or email afrc@columbus.af.mil.)

Pre-Deployment Brief

There is a mandatory briefing for active duty personnel who are deploying or going on a remote tour. The brief is held every work day at 9 a.m. Spouses are welcome to attend.

Post-Deployment Brief

This mandatory briefing is for active duty personnel who are returning from deployment or a remote tour are held daily at 1:30 p.m. at the A&FRC. For more information, call 434-2790.

Preseparation Counseling

This mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation is held daily at 8:30 a.m. May complete up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. This briefing takes approximately 30 minutes. For more information, call 434-2839 or 434-2790.

Job Skills Identification Workshop

This event will be held Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. The workshop will assist individuals to identify their job skills and match skills to an employer. For more information, call 434-2790.

Bundles of Joy

Bundles of Joy will be held Nov. 12 from

1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Active duty military and/or spouses assigned to Columbus AFB who are pregnant or have a child up to four months of age may attend. For more information, call 434-2790.

Microsoft PowerPoint Workshop

This workshop will be held Nov. 12 through Nov. 19 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. meeting for two weeks. Advance registration required. Call 434-2790 for more information.

Microsoft Published Workshop

This workshop will be held Nov. 12 through Nov. 19 from 4:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. meeting for two weeks. Advance registration required. Call 434-2790 for more information.

Hearts Apart Social Gathering

This event will be held Nov. 13 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This social gathering is for families of deployed (over 30 days) or remote personnel. Information and refreshments will be offered. Advance registration is required. Call 434-2790 for more information.

Lunch, Learn Time Management Workshop

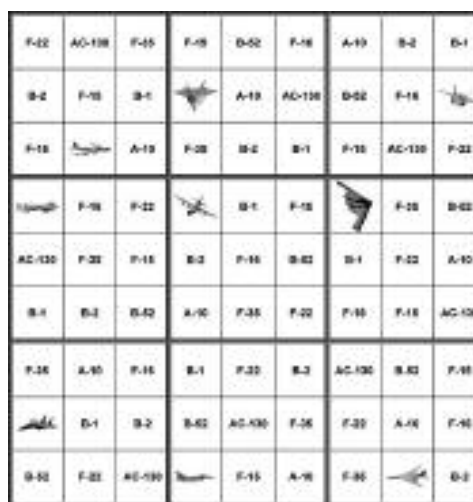
This event will be held Nov. 14 from 11 a.m. to noon. Bring your lunch, eat and learn time management skills. Call 434-2790 for more information.

Wing Newcomers

This briefing will be held Nov. 18 at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. This brief is for all active duty and civilian personnel new to Columbus AFB. Spouses are

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encouraged to attend. Call 434-2790 for more information.

Military Family Month Celebration, AFRC Open House, Art Contest

This event will be held at the Nov. 19 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. art contest will be held for three age groups: grades: K-4, 5-8, and 9-12. Art forms maybe picked up at the AFRC. Contest winners will be determined by random drawing from each group and will be awarded a \$25 prize. Stop by for refreshments and the drawings for the poster contest at 3 p.m. Call 434-2790 for more information.

Chapel Schedule

Protestant

Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
10:45 a.m. — Traditional
Worship Service (Children's Church)

All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month

Mt. Vernon Church

The Columbus AFB Mt. Vernon contemporary service is held every Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Base Chapel.

Catholic

Thursday
5 p.m. — Choir Practice

Sunday:
3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice
4:30 p.m. — Confession
5:00 p.m. — Mass



Antiques Show and Sale Gala Opening: This event will be held Nov. 6 through Nov. 9 at the Trotter Convention Center in its Grand Ballroom. The hours for each day are as follows: Nov. 6: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Nov. 7: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Nov. 8: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Nov 9: noon to 5 p.m. For advance tickets and Decorative Arts Forum information, call the Columbus Cultural Heritage Foundation at (800) 920-3533, the Convention and Visitor's Bureau at (800) 327-2686 or visit www.historic-columbus.org.

"Let's Go Walkin' Down Main Street": Everyone is invited to join more than 50 Mississippi Main Street communities and Blue Cross Shield as they participate in "Let's Go Walkin' Down Main Street." This statewide walk will occur simultaneously as Main Street Communities across Mississippi come participate in a community walk for all ages to celebrate health, wellness and community spirit. This one mile walk is a wonderful

opportunity to gather seniors, adults and children together and show your community support of downtown Columbus and health and wellness. T-shirts and goody bags will await the first 100 to participate. The walk will begin at 8 a.m. from Leadership Plaza located on the corner of 5th Street South and College Street. For more information call Main Street Columbus at 328-6305.

Columbus Veteran's Day Parade: The Columbus Veteran's Day Parade will be held Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. The parade will begin at the Police Complex on Main St. in downtown Columbus and will end at the Lowndes County Court House for the Laying of the Wreath. Come out and salute your veterans and remember their fallen comrades.

For more information about local area events, e-mail AFRC@columbus.af.mil or call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.



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Football: Falcons top Army in slugfest

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U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY, N.Y. — Riding the strong leg of kicker Ryan Harrison, the U.S. Air Force Academy outlasted the U.S. Military Academy 16-7 in a defensive battle that saw two of the nation's top ten rushing offenses held to 100 yards below their average Nov. 1 here.

With the eighth and fourth-ranked rushing attacks in the country respectively, the Army and Air Force ground games often came to a screeching halt on a day dominated by defense.

Both offenses struggled to get any momentum going in this year's service academy brawl between the Black Knights and Falcons. But it was the Air Force defense that made just enough plays at the right times, to help preserve a nine-point win.

After falling behind 7-0, Harrison connected on a 21-yard field goal at the end of the first quarter. Both defens-

es were stingy in the first half, holding their opponent's offenses under 150 total yards.

When it appeared both squads were headed to the locker room content with a 7-3 Army lead, the Falcons' Reggie Rembert took a punt at his own 16-yard-line and weaved through defenders all the way to the Black Knight 49. Army was flagged for a personal foul on the punt return, resulting in a 1st and 10 for the Falcons at the Army 34. After a 21-yard hookup on the next play from Air Force freshman quarterback Tim Jefferson to receiver Ty Paffett, Jefferson barreled in over the right side for his second rushing touchdown of the season, giving his team a three-point halftime lead.

The second half belonged to kicker/punter and Lou Groza Award semifinalist Harrison. He backed up his selection earlier this week for the annual award that recognizes the top kicker in the nation, by booting a 32-yard field goal in the third quarter and then icing the game with a 48-yard bomb with 1:42 to play in the game.

But it was his precision punting that kept Air Force out

of trouble and Army deep in their own territory for much of the afternoon. After placing three punts inside the 20-yard-line in the first half, Harrison continued his reliability on fourth down, booming a 54-yarder in the fourth quarter from his own 24 and then putting Army at their own seven with less than nine minutes to play.

Air Force held the Black Knights to 143 yards rushing, their lowest output of the season. The Falcons also forced three turnovers, forcing a fumble and intercepting Bowden two times on the day.

The Falcons' Jake Paulson led Air Force with 2.5 tackles for loss. Paulson leads the Falcons and is among the Mountain West Conference and national leaders on the season with 13.5 tackles for loss for a total of 67 yards.

With the win, the Falcons improve their season marks to 7-2 overall and 4-1 in the Mountain West Conference. This victory marked Air Force's third straight win over Army and 11 out of the last 12.

Air Force is home next week against Colorado State at 4 p.m. MST Nov. 8 at Falcon Stadium.

Warrior Care: Injured servicemembers go fishing

Master Sgt. Jack Braden

Defense Media Activity-San Antonio

CHOKO CANYON, Texas — Anglers from all over the state of Texas converged on Choke Canyon Reservoir Oct. 25 to participate in Fishing for Freedom V.

Fishing for Freedom gives injured servicemembers the opportunity to team up with professional and semi-professional bass fisherman and enjoy a day on the water.

Thirty-three members from all of the military branches recovering at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio were bused in for the event that is held annually and is a way for the fishing community to show appreciation for veterans and their sacrifices.

"For what they have done for us, this is one way to help give back," said George Barnes, the president of the Quality Bass Club in San Antonio. "Personally it feels great because I'm ex-Army myself and I have two sons in the military, one who was in Iraq twice."

Although fishing was the backdrop, Fishing for Freedom has a deeper meaning for those who participate. Most of the fisherman involved cleared their calendars specifically for this event.

"This is a chance for veterans to have a break and forget what's going on right now, have some fun, and bond with fellow comrades," said Tech. Sgt. Chuck Bunch, the NCO in charge of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosives special programs with the Defense Military Readiness Training Institute at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He is also a



U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Jack Braden
Senior Airman Marcus Creason (left) and Tech. Sgt. Chuck Bunch work a weed bed for big bass during Fishing for Freedom V held Oct. 25 at Choke Canyon, Texas. Thirty-three injured servicemembers participated in the event.

member of the Quality Bass Club of San Antonio. "The happiness they get from being out on a boat and sharing time outdoors is a plus for me; catching fish is a bonus and being outdoors is what it's all about."

Senior Airman Marcus Creason, who is recovering from losing an arm, didn't let his injury get in the way of a good time. Using his prosthetic arm to secure his fishing rod and cranking the reel with his other hand, he caught his first fish on his first cast.

"I love coming and doing stuff like this," Airman Creason said, "It's awesome and means a lot that people support us and do this for us."

"Seeing Marcus catch fish is exciting," Sergeant Bunch said. "Hopefully we can get him a 'Choke Canyon hog,' a big one above six pounds."

The day concluded with a barbecue where prizes were awarded for the largest fish in several categories.

Happy Fund Annual Golf Tournament

The Happy Fund Annual Golf Tournament will take place Nov. 12 at Whispering Pines. Registration and a burger burn will begin at 11:30 a.m. Tee times will take place at 12:30 p.m. The tournament is a four-person nine-hole scramble and costs \$120 per team. 100 percent of the proceeds will go to "The Happy Fund". Sign up at the Whispering Pines club house or by calling Ricky Magers at 434-7932.

Intramural Flag Football Scores

Game 1:

14th CES 18 L
RAPCON 19 W

Game 2:

14th CS 27 W
49th/50th 20 L

Game 3:

48th Team I 24 W
14th SFS 20 L

Sports Shorts

Thursday

Scrambles: Golf scrambles start every Thursday at 4:45 p.m. Cost is \$5 plus greens fees. Open to all levels of golfers. For more information, call 434-7932.

Fitness Classes: The Fitness Center offers fitness classes. Spin classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at 7 a.m. Cardio kick boxing classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and aerobics is offered Saturdays at 9 a.m. For more

Golf

information, call the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

Summer Lunch, Bowl

Special: Receive two free games of bowling from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the purchase of a combo meal during lunch.

Cosmic Bowling:

Cosmic bowling is every Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost is \$2 per game. The night is complete with black lights, loud music, strobe lights and bowling!